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Sent: 7/19/2011 11:50:48 AM
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Subject: RE: TNC Water Quality Report and Appendices

Dave:

Thanks for the update. Much appreciated.

Jeff

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Subject: RE: TNC Water Quality Report and Appendices

Hi Jeff,

Yes, we finalized that report in October of last year. It has now undergone extensive peer review, and presentation to TNC Board of Trustees, stakeholders, agencies and public. The final version of the report will be part of the package we deliver to Dennis McLerran later this month.

Best,
Dave

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From: Jeff Frithsen [mailto:Frithsen.Jeff@epamail.epa.gov]
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Subject: Re: TNC Water Quality Report and Appendices

Dave:

Thanks for sending along your report. Looks like this will be helpful to our assessment efforts.

A quick question: Earlier this year we had the opportunity to look at a draft report from TNC entitled An Assessment of Ecological Risk to Wild Salmon Systems from large-scale Mining in the Nushagak and Kvichak Watersheds of the Bristol Bay Basin. Would you know if that report has been finalized and released to the public? Thanks.

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Hi Phil and team,

I am pleased to submit this TNC report Investigations of Surface Water Quality in the Nushagak, Kvichak and Chulitna watersheds in Southwest Alaska for your review and to support EPA's ongoing effort in the Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment. This work has been conducted as part of our program over the past several years to improve understanding of wild salmon and ecological systems in the Nushagak and Kvichak watersheds, including literature review and field studies of watershed hydrology, copper toxicity, fish and aquatic invertebrate distributions, and an assessment of potential risks to wild salmon associated with large-scale mining. These efforts reflect our ongoing commitment to a science-based approach to conservation of the world-class water quality and fishery resources in these watersheds.

FYI, we are preparing to submit a comprehensive package of TNC materials resulting from these studies to EPA Regional Administrator Dennis McLerran, but in the meantime I wanted to make sure your team had immediate access to this report and database. Feel free to give me a call if you have any questions or would like further discussion.

Best,
Dave Albert

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